

## PROTECTION ORDER INFORMATION

*This information is based on Nebraska law and is designed to inform, NOT to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who knows the facts and may be aware of any changes in the law.*

Once you have submitted your Protection Order application to the Clerk of the District Court, the Judge will decide on one of the following three outcomes:

1. To grant an Exparte Protection Order, which means your application is granted immediately by the Court. However, your protection order is not in force until the respondent has been served a copy of the protection order. The Sheriff's Office has 14 days to serve the Protection Order before it is returned to the Clerk of the District Court and becomes NOT in effect due to lack of service.\*\*\*
2. To deny your Protection Order Request, which means your application is NOT granted and there is no Protection order.
3. To schedule a Show Cause Hearing for your application, usually a court hearing scheduled within two weeks of your request. Prior to the show cause hearing, the Protection Order IS NOT in effect. At the Hearing the Judge reviews your request gets input from both the petitioner and the respondent and makes a decision to grant or deny the Protection Order at that time.

**\*\*\*If the Exparte Protection Order is granted and served within the 14 day time period, the respondent has 5 days from the date of service to request a hearing on the Protection Order before a Judge. If the respondent request a hearing, you will be notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.**

Once you have submitted a Protection Order application, **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to contact the Clerk of the District Court at 441-7328 to find out about your application.

If your Exparte Protection Order is granted, **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to call the Sheriff's Office at 441-7724 to find out if the Exparte Protection Order has been served to the respondent.

If you have questions about Protection Orders or the above information, please contact Lincoln Police Department Victim/Witness Unit at 441-7181 between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

A Protection Order is NOT a cure-all. You still must be careful. If you expect the respondent to abide by and follows the Protection Order, you must adhere to the conditions of the order as well. If it is necessary to amend the order, you should contact an attorney or request a modification from the judge who signed the Protection Order.

If the Respondent continues making prohibited contact with you, directly or indirectly, at your home, place of work, or any other place, after the Protection Order has been entered, contact the Police at 441-6000 or **in emergency contact 911** for immediate assistance.